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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THERMAL STABILITY, IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED JUNCTION HEADS HAVING SELF-PINNED LAYER EXTENDING UNDER THE HARD BIAS LAYERS

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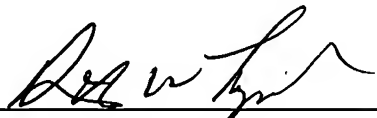
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